Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for October 13:

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## EQUESTRIAN REPRESENTATIVE SOUGHT FOR TRAILS ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Salt Lake** -- Utah State Parks and Recreation is currently seeking a representative to serve on the Utah Recreational Trails Advisory Council, and to specifically represent the interests of equestrian trail users. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, December 1.

This council reviews non-motorized trail project fiscal assistance requests and makes recommendations to Utah State Parks staff and the Board of Utah State Parks. The nine-member advisory council consists of representatives from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), USDA Forest Service, Utah League of Cities and Towns, Utah Association of Counties and members representing hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, Nordic skiers, and one member-at-large representing the interests of non-motorized trail users in general.

For more information or to apply for this position, please contact Utah State Parks Trails Coordinator John Knudson at johnknudson@utah.gov or (801) 538-7344.

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## CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AT THE JORDAN RIVER OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE CENTER

**Salt Lake City** – Children age eight to 15 are invited to celebrate Halloween with an evening of spooky off-highway vehicle riding at the Jordan River Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Center Friday, October 30 from 3 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family. Only riders eight through 15 are allowed to ride during this time.

Prizes awarded for best, most creative and scariest costumes. Also enjoy a tricked out trunk or treat from 6 p.m. to sundown with prizes for best, most creative and scariest trunks or vehicles.

All riders must wear helmets and all machines must be currently registered. State required youth off-highway vehicle education certificate must be carried while riding.

Jordan River OHV Center is located on Rose Park Lane, Exit 25 off I-215. For more information, call (801) 533-5425.

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## UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

October 29 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding We Shall Remain - The Paiute: Join Shanan Martineau, cultural resource manager for the Shivwits Paiute, and learn the history of the Utah's Paiute people. Program begins at 6:30 p.m. and is free to the public. (435) 678-2238

October 29 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab Scorpions - Scary Looking Creatures: Join park staff for a program about these fascinating (and misunderstood) creatures of the desert. Meet at the visitor center amphitheater at 7 p.m. for this half-hour program. (435) 259-2614

October 29 and 30 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins Halloween Storytelling Trail: Show off your costume and enjoy a short Halloween night hike of storytelling fun sprinkled with a dash of fright at 7:30 p.m. each night. This activity is designed for children five to 12. Space is limited and registration required. (435) 628-2255

October 30 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab Guided Bike Ride: Join park staff for a 4.2-mile bike ride along the Intrepid Trail and learn about area geology. This ride is approximately 1.5-hours and is rated as moderate. Helmets are required and children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Dogs are not allowed on the Intrepid Trail. Meet at the Intrepid Trailhead across the parking lot from the visitor center at 5 p.m. (435) 259-2614

October 31 Sand Hollow State Park - Hurricane Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Poker Run: Wear your costume and join in for a poker ride. Registration from 9 to 10 a.m. at Sand Hollow OHV staging area, followed by the run until 4 p.m. Prizes awarded, including best costume. Day-use fee is \$10 per vehicle. (435) 680-0715

October 31 Snow Canyon State Park - Ivins
Johnson Canyon Hike: Join park staff at 1 p.m. on a two-mile round trip hike to
Johnson Canyon and Johnson Arch. Learn about the natural history of the area
while traversing lava flows and desert scrub community. Space is limited and
registration required. (435) 628-2255

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